ment has been reached; and

(e) the extent to which edible oil prices have been reduced by this decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir. From May, 1991 to February, 1992, three Letters of Understanding (LOU) have been signed between Government of India and World Food Programme (WFP) for swapping WFP edible oil/butter oil with local wheat.

(b) The salient features of the swap finalised under the three LOUs are as follows:-

Date of signing the LOU	*Commodity and Quantity to be supplied by WFP*	*Ratio of exchange for local wheat*
17.5.91	2,000 MT of refined rapeseed oil	1: 6
26.12.91	3,000 MT of butter oil	1: 14.9
15.2.92	2,000 MT of refined rapeseed oil	1: 5.5

(c) About 68,306 M T of wheat is proposed to be supplied against the import of WFP edible oil/butter oil under these arrangements.

(d) The Letters of Understanding have been signed with World Food Programme (WEP) jointly established by the United Nations and the Food and Agriculture Organisation.

(e) Considering the size of edible oil consignments under these swap arrangements it is difficult to gauge the extent to which the edible oil prices have been reduced.

Mismanagement in Marketing of Palmolein by NDDB

1520. SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH:
SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN:
SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received complaints from the State Governments regarding mismanagement in marketing of palmolein by the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b). A complaint was made by the Commissioner, Civil Supplies, Government of Andhra Pradesh in October, 1989 alleging irregularities in sale of palmolein by NDDB.

(c) NDDB looked into the matter and found that there was no *mala fide*. A copy of

the report of the Vigilance Cell of NDDB has been sent to the Chief Vigilance Commissioner of the Government of India.

Kelkar Committee Report on Natural Gas Pricing

1521. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken any decision on the Kelkar Committee Report on Natural Gas Pricing;

(b) if so, the number of the recommendations accepted and rejected separately;

(c) the reasons for rejection; and

(d) the time by which the accepted recommendations are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). The Kelkar Committee's recommendations have formed the basis, with suitable modifications, for the revised prices of natural gas that have been made effective from 1.1.1992.

[*Translation*]

Migration from Sindh, Pakistan

1522. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Hindus who migrated to Gujarat, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and other parts of the country due to disturbances in the Sindh province of Pakistan during each of the last three years;

(b) whether the Government propose to provide statutory citizenship to those Hindus; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : (a) to (c). According to available information, there is no problem of any significant migration of Hindus from Pakistan. However, persons belonging to minority community in Pakistan, especially Sindhis have been coming to India on valid short term visas. While some of them have returned on expiry of visas, some have applied for long term visas. Their cases are considered sympathetically on merit.

[*English*]

Pressler's Visit to India

1523. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL:
SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH:
SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the US Senator Mr. Larry Pressler visited India recently;

(b) if so, the objectives of the visit; and

(c) the outcome of the talks held by him with Indian leaders?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The purpose of the visit was to exchange views on regional security and non-proliferation issues in the context of the Pressler Amendment.